

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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SUPPLY OF SMALLER LPG CYLINDERS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the approximate number of LPG consumers in the urban and rural areas separately in the country :
- (b) whether there is any proposal to supply smaller LPG cylinders in the hilly regions ; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

- (a) : Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) were having about 691.12 lakh customers in urban areas and 135.68 lakh customers in rural areas i.e., at a total of 826.80 lakh customers, as on 1.1.2005.
- (b) & (c) : In addition to the normal 14.2 kg LP..G cylinder, OMCs are also marketing 5 kg LPG cylinders. Out of the total number of 826.80 lakh, customers enrolled as on 1.1.2005, 2.23 lakh customers were in the 5 kg category.